PALEIRO) : (a) The flaw which was a technical one, was an error.

(b) on being noticed, the flaw was removed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The sole charge listed in the show cause notice dated 1-6-90 was unauthorised absence from duty for more than 30 days. In the charge sheet dated 21-5-90, the charges were unauthorised absence from 12-3-89 and use of intemperate language smacking of insubordination on the part of the official.

Seminar on Criminalisation of politics

*71. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a seminar on Criminalisation of politics was held recently in the capital;

(b) if so, the gist of the points discussed at the seminar;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a consensus was achieved on the need for adopting a code of conduct for political parties of the country; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) As per the newspaper reports, a seminar on 'Criminalisation of Politics in India' was recently organised by the Centre for New Perspectives, a registered society, at New Delhi. On the basis of information furnished by the Centre, among others, the points discussed at the seminar related to : entry of criminal elements into the body politics; its nexus between politicians and others; its damaging influence on the electoral proceds; booth capturing and rigging.

(c) As per information supplied by the Centre, broad consensus on the following points was arrived at : disassociation by political parties with criminal elements. etc.; active involvement of society in discouraging the anti-social elements; support of media, social activists, intellectuals, etc. ; national debate on the subject ; reform in electoral laws.

(d) A comprehensive package regarding electoral reforms is under consideration of the Government.

Funds for Scooters India Ltd.

*72. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not yet decided to provide working capital to some Undertaking like Scooters India Limited, TAFCO and others for making up the losses in production and earnings; and

(b) whether Government feel that the performance of these companies would have improved much faster had the funds been provided to them in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Funds are being provided on yearly basis to Scooters India Ltd., Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. and some other loss making Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Heavy Industry for making up the losses within the overall availability of resources. The performance of these units is dependent on many other factors including their order book position, availability of funds from the banking sector and their market competitiveness.